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To: [Edlund, Carl](#)
Cc: [Gray, David](#); [Smith, Monica](#); [Smalley, Bryant](#); [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Sanchez, Carlos](#); [Phillips, Pam](#)
Subject: Re: Preliminary comments on EPA Oversight Testimony (R2, 4, 6) on Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season
Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017 6:30:06 PM

We did not test any floodwaters.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 4:12 PM, Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov> wrote:

Let's clear this up ASAP tomorrow morning. I don't think we tested flood waters (and made a conscious decision not to) but we did use Philis for Superfund site assessment and to do a quick sample of possible downwind Arkema contaminants detection in water 1.5 miles from the facility

Primary use was for superfund sites so I think the original statement is accurate.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 2:05 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

I thought Phyllis did water samples from sf sites?

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 2:03 PM, Smith, Monica
<smith.monica@epa.gov> wrote:

We collect samples at arkema. Aside from that we did not collect water samples in Texas in response to Harvey.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Gray, David
<gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gray, David"
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Date: November 12, 2017 at
1:50:12 PM CST
To: "Levine, Carolyn"
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**Subject: Re: Preliminary
comments on EPA Oversight
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I think the only flood water was
one sample around the Arkema
plant. Otherwise I believe it was
stormwater and groundwater.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 1:25 PM,
Levine, Carolyn
<Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
wrote:

Ok. I can work on
minor tone
adjustments to
address the OHS
comments re: tone.
Some minor
suggestions from
OMB look fine to
me. I can send you a
proposed revision,
but I need to answer
OMB Q re: whether
PHILIS tested the
flood waters and
note in testimony.
Current language:

Another
EPA asset used was
a mobile laboratory
called PHILIS. The
technical name for
PHILIS is the
Portable High-
Throughput
Integrated
Laboratory
Identification
System. This
mobile lab is
capable of
providing sample
results with a 48-
hour turnaround
and was used to test
water samples for
volatile organic
compounds
(VOCs) and semi-
volatile organic
compounds
(SVOCs)
associated with
assessing
Superfund sites and

other response
activities. This
proved to be
invaluable in an
area that is
devastated and
lacking in basic
infrastructure.

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